

## **Update on Medicare private plans and implementation strategies for past recommendations**

**ISSUE:** This session covers trends in Medicare Advantage plan payments, enrollment, and benefits provided to plan enrollees. We examine private fee-for-service plans in detail, and discuss issues related to special needs plans. We will also discuss ways of implementing past recommendations by the Commission related to Medicare Advantage payments.

**KEY POINTS:** In this material, we discuss the continued growth in enrollment in private fee-for-service plans and examine how the benefits they offer compare to other plans. We examine options for implementing the Commission's recommendation to have financially neutral payments in Medicare Advantage. We also discuss other issues related to Medicare Advantage and examine the status of special needs plans.

**ACTION:** Commissioners should provide comments on the scope and substance of this analysis.

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